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### Office Action Summary

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SYED ZIA

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8-18 and 47-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8-18, and 47-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

This action is in response to the remarks and amendments filed September 11 2008.  
Claims 1, 3-6, 8-18, and 47-49 are pending for consideration.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed on September 11 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following reasons:

Regarding Claim 1 applicants argued that *“it would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art to apply the teachings of Soloff, that his solution required at the time it was suggested (1990) a microprocessor module that is capable of controlling the character recognition device, and Soloff could have required a microprocessor module with a size of a desktop computer”*.

This is not found persuasive. In 1978 Kurzweil Computer Products began selling a commercial version of the optical character recognition computer program. LexisNexis was one of the first customers, and bought the program to upload paper legal and news documents onto its nascent online databases (History of “Character Recognition [wikipedia]).

As a result, cited prior art does implement and teach a system that relates image messaging in a communication network.

Applicants *clearly have failed to identify specific claim limitations*, which would define a patentable distinction over prior arts.

Therefore, the examiner asserts that cited prior art(s) does teach or suggest the subject matter recited in independent and dependent claims. Accordingly, rejections for claims, 3-6, 8-18, and 47-49 are respectfully maintained.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-18, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaDue (US Pub. #2003/0133423) in view of Halloran et al. (US Patent #5,966,667) and further in view of Soloff (US Patent #5,023,718).

With regards to claims 1, 3-6 and 8-16, LaDue discloses a communication device comprising:

a master microprocessor; (see ¶124)  
a security identity module operably connected to the master microprocessor through  
a bus; (see ¶124)

With regards to claim 1, LaDue does not expressly disclose a buffering device operable to communicate with said master microprocessor, wherein said master microprocessor is operable to receive messages from the buffering device or the security identity module, and wherein said buffering device is operably connected to a bus between the master microprocessor

and the security identity module. LaDue does include that a microprocessor and SIM are connected by a bus, and also a buffering device (figure 4, DRAM 333b) connected to the microprocessor by a different bus.

However, Halloran et al. disclose a mobile telephone which features a bus connecting the SIM (SIM contacts 190), processor 166, and memory (buffer) devices (note the various address and data connections to the processor) in figure 1B, and column 4, lines 33-55). LaDue and Halloran are clearly analogous art, as both are directed to mobile communications devices which are SMS-enabled. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to apply the teachings of Halloran to the disclosure of LaDue to create a communication device comprising a master microprocessor, a SIM operably connected to the master microprocessor through a bus, and a buffering device, all on the same bus.

With regards to claim 1, neither LaDue nor Halloran expressly discloses that the buffering device comprises a microprocessor. However, Soloff discloses a system for storing digital video signals in which a store controller 24 of the memory device controls the write enable generators 22 and output enable generators 23. As stated at column 3, lines 57-63, this controller, which comprises part of the memory device depicted by the figure, "may comprise a microprocessor". At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that the memory device comprising a microprocessor as taught by Soloff could be substituted with the memory (buffer) device present in the combination of LaDue and Halloran as described above, with predictable results.

With regards to claims 17, 18, and 49, LaDue discloses the communication device as set forth in claim 1:

wherein said buffering device is further operable to receive standard SMS messages input on the communication device and free-hand created messages input using a free-hand compatible data entry device. (see ¶86 – the invention deals with reading a standard SMS message from the user and transmitting it in a modified way, i.e. the SMS message “received” by the buffering device is standard)

Further regarding claim 49, LaDue does not expressly disclose converting a received message into a freehand drawn message. However, LaDue discloses transmission of SMS messages, including those created on a free-hand compatible data entry device (note the PDA of figure 23). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that if the device is able to send such messages, it would also be able to receive them.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SYED ZIA whose telephone number is (571)272-3798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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